

Other Helpful Resources

SCHOOL INFORMATION

<http://michigan.educationbug.org>

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

<http://michiganworks.org>

<http://monster.com>

<http://www.indeed.com>

PARKS, RECREATION, LEGAL SERVICES

<http://www.accesskent.com/directories.htm>

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

ACCESS of West Michigan, phone: 616/459-4681. Oversees and supports a network of food pantries in Kent County, Michigan.

God's Kitchen, 303 South Division Avenue, Grand Rapids, Phone: 616/454-4110. Offers emergency food service daily for up to 400 people.

Mel Trotter Ministries, phone: 616/454-8249. Food and clothing assistance.

Kent County Department of Human Services, phone: 616/247-6000.

Provides a wide range of social services and emergency assistance or help accessing available assistance: cash assistance, state disability, SSI, refugee assistance, food stamps, Medicaid health coverage, child day care information, assistance with home repairs, heat and utility bills, relocation.

The Salvation Army - Booth Family Services, phone: 616/459-9468.

Emergency assistance, including food, clothing furniture, utilities, prescriptions, transportation and rent. Health and dental clinics. Substance abuse prevention and treatment programs.

ACSET (Area Community Service Employment and Training Council), phone: 616/336-4100. Offers food assistance, homeless housing assistance and utility shut-off assistance.

EVICTON PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

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ACSET (Area Community Service Employment and Training Council), phone: 616/336-4100. Offers food assistance, homeless housing assistance and utility shut-off assistance.

Grand Rapids Urban League, phone: 616/245-2207. Offers counseling, advocacy and direct services to residents faced with obstacles to employment, housing or education.

ADDITIONAL HOUSING INFORMATION RESOURCES

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Major funding source and technical support for GRHC programs.

City of Grand Rapids. Official web site of Grand Rapids, Michigan, with links to such civic services as police, fire, community development, and parks and recreation departments.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). Leverages public and private partnerships to create and preserve affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Michigan residents.

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). Professional association that advocates and educates, with the goal of strengthening communities by ensuring the availability of affordable housing.

Inner City Christian Federation. Nonprofit agency offers rental housing and home ownership programs, as well as an emergency housing program. Provides the home ownership training required by the GRHC's home ownership programs.

Habitat for Humanity of Kent County. Works with volunteers and prospective low-income home owners to build affordable homes in Kent County and eastern Ottawa County. Also offers low-cost home improvement materials, including fixtures, appliances and furniture.

ACSET Latin American Services. Assists the Hispanic community of Kent County, Michigan. Provides referrals to housing programs and counseling for home buyers.

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan. Social services for the Hispanic community: employment, interpretation and translation, information and referrals, language and cultural training.

Home Repair Services. Resources for low-income home owners, including critical repairs, the construction of access ramps, a tool library, affordable building materials and home maintenance classes.

Kent Regional Community Coordinated Child Care (4C). Child care referrals and information on selecting quality care. Information about financial assistance for families using child care. Parent education, resource library.

Senior Neighbors. Services for older adults, including case management, emergency needs assistance, food and meals, health screening, legal assistance, recreational opportunities, transportation and volunteer opportunities.

Restorers, Inc. A collaborative of churches and neighbors that serves the Madison-Hall neighborhood, offering rent and utility assistance, employment services, "financial freedom" classes and a youth program.

Baxter Community Center. Serves the Baxter neighborhood in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Services include a child development center, a holistic health clinic and a youth mentoring program